

Bill No. 56 of 1938.

A BILL RESPECTING THE DISPOSITION OF DEDUC-
TIONS MADE ON THE PURCHASE OF
CATTLE WITH HORNS.

NOTE.

The object of this Bill is set out in the preamble.

Section 3 provides that every dealer who purchases cattle with horns shall purchase the same at the current market price for cattle which are polled or have been dehorned and shall pay to the vendor for cattle with horns the current market price less the sum of one dollar for each head of cattle with horns so purchased; and shall pay to the Minister one dollar per head for each head of cattle with horns so purchased. Sums so received are to be paid over into a special trust account and are made available for meeting expenditures incurred with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the improvement of live stock in the Province.

Section 4 provides for the making of monthly returns by every dealer as to the purchases made by him of cattle with horns during the previous month and the payment by the dealer of the amounts payable by him pursuant to section 3.

Section 5 makes any default in complying with the provisions of section 4 an offence punishable by fine and in default of payment imprisonment.

Section 6 makes a dealer convicted of an offence under the Act liable to the suspension or cancellation of any Provincial license held by him for the operation of any abattoir, packing plant or cannery or as a cattle dealer.

Sums payable under the Act are made recoverable as debts due to the Crown.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)

BILL

No. 56 of 1938.

An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns.

(Assented to _____, 1938.)

WHEREAS cattle with horns in the course of transportation are a cause of damage to any other cattle with which the same are being transported;

And whereas persons in the Province who are buyers of cattle adopted a practice whereby the price paid for cattle with horns is less than the prevailing price paid for cattle without horns of a similar grade and quality;

And whereas the object of the said practice is to encourage the breeders of cattle to dehorn any cattle that have horns and so prevent damage to cattle in course of transportation by cattle with horns;

Now therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Horned Cattle Purchases Act*."

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Cattle with horns" means cattle other than pedigreed cattle which are not polled or have not been dehorned;
- (b) "Dealer" means every person who in the Province is the owner or operator of any abattoir, packing plant or cannery and every person licensed as a cattle dealer pursuant to *The Alberta Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act*;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture; and
- (d) "Pedigreed cattle" means any cattle registered in or eligible for registration in the records of any association incorporated under *The Live Stock Pedigree Act*, being chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927.

3.—(1) Every dealer who purchases any cattle with horns shall purchase the same at the current market price for cattle which are polled or have been dehorned, and shall pay to the vendor thereof for cattle with horns the current

market price, less the sum of one dollar per head for each head of cattle with horns so purchased and shall pay to the Minister in the manner prescribed by this Act the sum of one dollar for each head of cattle with horns so purchased by him.

(2) All money received by the Minister pursuant to this section shall be paid over to the Provincial Treasurer and shall be kept by him in a special trust fund and such fund together with any income accruing thereon shall be available for discharging such expenditures incurred by the Minister for the improvement of live stock in the Province as may be approved from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

4. Every dealer shall, not later than the tenth day of March, 1938, and the tenth day of every month thereafter, make or cause to be made a return to the Minister in such form as the Minister may prescribe, setting out all purchases made by him or on his behalf of cattle with horns during the previous month, the date and place at which and the name and address of the person from whom each purchase was made, and the number of such cattle purchased by him, and shall remit to the Minister with such statement the full amount payable pursuant to section 3.

5. Every dealer who makes default in complying with any of the provisions of section 4 or who knowingly makes any false statement in such return, shall be guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction therefor, if a corporation to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and costs, and if a natural person to a fine of not more than two hundred dollars and costs, and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than ninety days.

6. In case any dealer is convicted of an offence under this Act, any license held by such person pursuant to any Act of the Province authorizing such person to operate an abattoir, a packing plant or cannery or to carry on business as a cattle dealer, shall be liable to cancellation.

7. All sums payable to the Minister of Agriculture pursuant to this Act shall be recoverable by the Minister as a debt due to the Crown.

8. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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